

Gen. French's Retreat A Wonderful Victory

English Commander Becomes Popular Hero When
Countrymen Learn of Brilliant Strategy in
Withdrawal From Mons.

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LONDON, March 19. (By Mail to New York)—England, within the last few days, has begun to get the inside facts about the retreat from Mons.

"Retreat," that word which no Englishman or anybody else likes to pronounce, has gained a new meaning in English minds.

Now that the truth is known, the retreat from Mons has made a brilliant new page in English history and has put the name of Sir John French, "the man who kept his head," on the highest summit of England's approval.

French was great at the battle of Ypres, but his greatest generalship was displayed two months before that battle, when he retreated from Mons.

It was the finest tactical move that ever swept the Germans down toward Paris—that was what was known. The allies and the Germans had just touched in their first light contact, as prize fighters do at the bell for the first round. And then the Germans rushed in with blows that they had been saving up for forty years.

It was to be a first round knockout if the Germans had their way. No army in all history has ever taken the beating and lived through the mulling and kept its legs and heads as the English army did through the thirteen awful days in which the Germans put in their lightning strokes.

It was an all but irresistible cyclone. If General French stood still it would be a knockout. If he ran it would be a rout and annihilation. Outward, and a cool head, sidestepping and protecting his body would have been the tactics of a great fighter. And this tremendous battle occurred in the prize ring. French followed these tactics exactly.

But the thing that makes England grasp and will make the world gasp when it knows the full details of the retreat from Mons is that this was NOT a prize fight, but a prize fight with only one knockout at stake instead of the annihilation of 80,000 men, is the thing that Englishmen will remember.

Met On August 22.
It was on August 22 that the English and the Germans first touched muzzles at Mons. The English Tommies had arrived on the scene the day before and had enjoyed two or three successful brushes with the Germans. General French had found himself a house which could be used as headquarters and that night he sat at a table and wrote notes in his diary while the later to be used in his dispatches. The Tommies in the streets of Mons were rubbing their hands in glee over the results of the day's fighting.

When General French went to bed that night of August 22 he expected that the sun would rise in a fairly quiet Sunday.

There are not more than two German army corps in front of you," said the French official.

General French and his men had just come to the scene and General French took the Frenchmen's word for it. A strong French line stretched to the right. But Sunday afternoon came the surprise. A courier brought a message to General French from General Gough. It said in effect:

"Four German army corps are coming up against you, we have been back." The strong French line had gone! It was thirty miles back! French's army of 80,000 men stuck out in the oncoming tide of Germans like a thirty-mile peninsula. Ten thousand Custer massacres were at hand. Or a rout such as history had never known! If General French did not do his work as coolly as a workman at his bench, the day would be lost.

Some Had To Stay.
Some men must stay to fight while the others began to fall back. There were thousands of tons of supplies and ammunition to be moved in haste. There were horses to save from German hands. The roads would hold only so much traffic; there must be no jams; cool heads must plan it all.

So men must fall far behind and die; trenches, so that retreating Englishmen could hide themselves and put up their daily and nightly fight with the Germans.

Other thousands of men must be given chances to eat and sleep. And in the midst of all this movement and activity the dead must be buried, the wounded cared for and the battle must be carried on every moment, without ceasing. All these things were done perfectly. Not one single man did not flee from the army of General French, during the days of the retreat. And no general in history had ever had such a retreat to direct.

French was dashing about everywhere in his automobile, up to the front where his men were firing, along roads where the huge supplies were being moved. He talked to little knots of soldiers here and there, who from German hands, in these personal talks he gauged the strength of his soldiers; he gauged the amount of physical force they had left.

Knew Strength of Both.
And what's more he not only knew the strength of his own army but the strength of his enemy.

The lightning blows that the Germans sent in were terrific. The Ninth Lancers were mowed down like grass; that was one little blow. The Eighteenth Hussars were almost wiped out; that was another.

Regiments were torn to pieces day after day. Some of the general's lifelong friends were killed. Other pals of old days he was forced to permit to certain death. It was as if all the battles of history had been collected into one space of time, and were being fought over again.

The towns in which the general and his staff slept were shelled. Bullets and shells flew around General French, they did around the most ordinary soldier. Yet every night he wrote in his note-book the reports of the retreat that later went to London. Some nights he wrote by the light of a candle in the peasant's house; some nights by the glare from a fancy oil lamp in the home of some village rich man.

For four days in this great running, General French kept his men as cool-headed as if they had been standing still or fighting or far more cool-headed than they would have been had they been advancing.

At last the English reached the Marne, after nine more days of fighting. The Marne gave them a chance for rest, and they needed it. The Germans were tired too. The cool footwork of the English had exhausted them; they had nearly tired themselves out on a tiny fee they couldn't hit; an enemy who would back up and get out of the way, when necessary, but who wouldn't let himself be knocked out.

Von Kluck's Mistake.
Then Von Kluck, the German general, made his mistake. Von Kluck turned his flank to the English; he intended

to pass before them and move over to meet the army of the German crown prince with whom he intended to advance on Paris.

French was watching; he saw what had happened. Von Kluck had dropped his guard; he had exposed his jaw. And the lightning English warrior—the man whose fists were armies, whose feet were artillery wheels, whose voice was cannon—struck like a flash. The Germans, off their guard, received a blow they could not sustain. They lost hundreds of guns and thousands of men.

The French were doing their part. Gallieni, in Paris, carried 60,000 soldiers in taxicabs and commandeered automobiles to back up the English. General French's blow had taken the nerve and strength out of the tired Germans. Their retreat became a rout. They stopped only when they found shelter in the great quarries along the Aisne.

Corey, in sailing, predicts big trade.

Greatest Prosperity America Has Ever Known Due in Year, He Says.

NEW YORK, March 21.—William Ellis Corey, former head of the Steel trust, accompanied by his wife, was among the outgoing passengers on the White Star liner Adriatic.

They were bound for their chateau, Ville d'Or, outside of Paris, which they left soon after war started and the Germans began their drive toward Paris. The grounds of the chateau then were converted into stockyards, but since have been vacated.

Corey was optimistic regarding business conditions here, predicting a steady increase in trade.

"This country is gradually getting a wonderful business," said Corey, "and the business is going to increase. It is going up, and we continue to go up many years. It is a business of steady growth and the country will see in a year the greatest prosperity it has ever known. To the war, of course, must be attributed the wonderful increase of our prosperity, but we are not going to lose it after the war."

"There will be a lot of business which England and Germany will be unable to get back from us. We will win many years of the business which will be able to get back into their old form of manufacturing. Meantime, we are going right ahead, making all kinds of goods."

When the war ends there will be a great demand from Europe for our manufactured goods as well as for raw materials.

The Adriatic was delayed in sailing to finish loading her immense cargo of 18,000 tons, one of the largest that has ever left port.

Screened by canvas coverings were 100 automobiles on her decks. In her holds were more automobiles and consignments of every description, ammunition and supplies for the armies of the allies. Tons of tobacco, meats, hams, and provisions were in the cargo.

Most of the 120 stowage passengers were Canadians and Englishmen bound for the front.

Champ Clark Leaves; All Legislators Gone

Speaker Champ Clark has left Washington for his home in Missouri, by way of Pass Christian, Miss., and the departure of the Speaker about fills the legislators' "away from Washington" list. Practically every member of the House has now gone to his home. A few "lame ducks" remain, and some of these are said to have their eyes on John.

The Speaker will join Mrs. Clark and Miss Genevieve Clark at Pass Christian for a brief sojourn. Except for such times as he may devote to the lecture platform, the Speaker will spend the summer at Bowling Green writing his memoirs of Congressional service.

Miss Clark will be married at Bowling Green, probably in June, to James M. Thompson, a newspaper publisher of New Orleans.

Pardon Came, But Too Late to See Parents

MADISON, Wis., March 21.—Another case of the pardon that came too late was disclosed at the governor's office, when it was learned that Arno Schmitz, sentenced to the workhouse for six months for burglary, was innocent, and that his parents died within a week, his mother the day before the pardon really reached him, and just in time for him to go to the funeral.

Schmitz was sent up on circumstantial evidence, and though there was an appeal for mercy because of the age of his parents, and the illness of his wife, it did not bring a suspension of sentence. The error in the application and other details resulted in two weeks' time being taken up in sending the pardon, which reached him too late for his father's funeral, and too late to see his mother alive.

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ANNEXATION CASE TO BE REVIEWED

Alexandria to Fight for Land
From Two Counties Before
Supreme Court of Appeals.

ALEXANDRIA, March 21.—The annexation case will come before the supreme court of appeals of Virginia tomorrow for a final hearing.

The case is settled so far as Fairfax county is concerned, but there is a question over the amount of land to be taken from Alexandria county. Attorneys John M. Johnson, Samuel G. Brent, and S. P. Fisher will go to Richmond tonight to represent Alexandria in tomorrow's hearing. Alexandria county will send Commonwealth Attorney Crandall Mackey, who will be assisted by Representative Andrew J. Montague and his brother, Edward Duncan, supervisor, will accompany Mr. Mackey.

Politics in Alexandria county are commencing to stir as the time for the election of county officials draws near. There are three avowed candidates for the position of commonwealth attorney, the office now held by Crandall Mackey. Frank T. Ball is the latest to enter the race. Charles T. Jesse announced himself several weeks ago, and Crandall Mackey will seek to be re-elected.

Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas Waddy were held this afternoon from her residence, 112 South Royal street.

Carl Vrooman, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, delivered an address on "Social Religion" before the men's meeting of the Second Presbyterian Church, this afternoon.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Cline were held this afternoon from the chapel of Wheatley undertaking establishment. Members of the Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Lady Macabees attended in bodies.

The supreme court of appeals yesterday handed down a decision reversing the circuit court of Fairfax county in the suit of Alfred E. Carter against the Washington and Old Dominion Railway and set aside a verdict of \$10,000 which had been awarded Mr. Carter by a jury. Mr. Carter was injured while riding in a mail car from which a safety bar across the door had been removed. He was represented by Attorneys Wilton J. Lambert, of Washington, and C. E. Nicol, of this city, and the railway by Moore, Barbour, Keith, and McCandless.

Forests in War Zone All Ruined by Armies

All of the forests within the fighting zones have been ruined by the war, according to information given the American Forestry Association by Jean-Paul Alaux, a French army officer.

The officer declared that the Germans are cutting marketable timber in the forests which they controlled in France, and are selling it in Germany. Throughout northern France he declared, the forests have been devastated to make way for and provide for military operations.

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EPISODE SEVENTEEN.

"The Island of Mystery."

The half-burned trunk in which Captain Radcliffe found so interesting a document in Zudora's apartments on the occasion of his stealthy visit, contained one or two other things that the worthy captain overlooked. Zudora was more fortunate. Among them she found a paper which contained a partially drawn map and some notes on a big diamond find. The only direction given was that the find was near a large flat-topped boulder 2,000 yards from the second mile post from the Zudora mine.

About the time Zudora found this second paper in the trunk Mme. Duval reached the conclusion that it would be better for her schemes to have the girl where she could bring pressure to bear upon her and in pursuance of a plan she had formed, accompanied by Captain Radcliffe, she visited an old woman who lived on an island known as Bald Island in an out of the way corner of the bay. The island had been dubbed the "Island of Mystery," because so little was known of it, and it was so seldom visited by anyone. After being in close consultation with the old woman for an hour or more, the wily adventuress and her aide returned to the city.

Meanwhile Tom Hunt, the detective, was returning from the pier when he met Madame Duval, as if by accident, although in accordance with her well-laid design.

Having found nothing tangible against the clever adventuress, Zudora has entirely ceased to suspect her of complicity in the plot against her fortune and herself, and so when the beautiful schemer invites her for a spin in her big automobile, Zudora willingly accedes, although Storm is not altogether satisfied at the arrangement. But he laughs at his own fears, feeling that he is overcautious and that nothing can happen to his sweetheart in broad daylight.

Yet in this he is mistaken. The machine has not gone far, when in passing a lonely wharf it is suddenly surrounded by a group of masked men. The two women are dragged out of the car, their screams being choked off by the ruffians, who hurriedly carry them to a waiting motorboat. This soon speeds away, and in a relatively short time the party arrives at Craig Island, where Zudora is placed in the hands of the big-brothered prisoner. Of course, the men are Mme. Duval's confederates, and the latter, who has been carefully staged to deceive Zudora.

In the meanwhile, in far-off South America, many things have been happening. Hiram has located the rich find indicated in the writing left by Zudora's father, but, discovering that they are being spied upon, he takes measures to

throw Captain Radcliffe and Bruce off their trail.

In this he is not entirely successful, however, and Bald and the wily captain engage in a terrific struggle on top of a moving freight train. The men are battling desperately as the train speeds along a high embankment, and strain perilously near the edge. Suddenly, the fast-moving train leaves the track and crashes down the hillside, carrying the two warring men with it. Captain Radcliffe is picked up unconscious, while Bald escapes serious injury. A day or two later a hurry call from New York, the one from Mme. Duval and the other from Storm, lead the four men to make haste to return to America.

Parcel Packages for Germany Before Bryan

Postmaster General Burleson has placed squarely before the State Department the issue as to whether parcel post packages containing flour and other foodstuffs destined to Germany are contraband of war.

Holland has consented to handle the United States mails to Germany provided they do not contain contraband, and in view of this fact the Postmaster General wants a ruling.

The issue was brought by a German newspaper man in Washington who mailed an eleven-pound parcel of flour to a friend in Germany as a test. This shipment went through without question, and the Postoffice Department wants to be prepared if any other parcels of such packages are put into the foreign mails.

Gorgas Says Yellow Fever Will Disappear

Yellow fever will soon be driven from the face of the earth, according to Maj. Gen. William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the army. In an address before the Mississippi Society last night, in Confederate Memorial Hall, General Gorgas declared this disease had been eradicated from North America, and would soon be driven from the Western Hemisphere, an achievement, he said, as great as the discovery of America.

General Gorgas spoke on sanitation at Panama. After treating the yellow fever situation, he said, the next generation would live to see malaria but a memory in America.

Treasury Officials Address Ionic Club

Addresses were delivered by Assistant Secretaries Byron R. Newton, William P. Malburn, and Andrew J. Peters at a banquet given at the Ebbitt last night by the Ionic Club, a organization of Master Masons of the Treasury Department. There were 300 present.

W. W. Warwick, Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury, presided. George S. Pope, Charles R. Bartlett, and Edwin Callow spoke.

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Monday, March 22—Robert Edeson in "Where the Trail Divides."

Tuesday, March 23—Mabel Taliaferro in "The Three of Us."

Wednesday, March 24—"The Thief," featuring Richard Buhler and Dorothy Donnelly.

Thursday, March 25—"The Tangle," a Vitaphone special.

Friday, March 26—Margaret Clark in "The Wildflower."

Saturday, March 27—Jack Barrymore in "The Man From Mexico."

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